

STORMWATER TASK FORCE

MINUTES

April 14, 2016

The Stormwater Task Force (SWTF) met in the Ritter Building, first floor conference room, as scheduled, with Matt Allison, Sarah Cammer, Phyllis Luck, Jack Rabbitt, and Jack Rodriquenz present, as well as Land Use Director, Adam Burney and Water District Commissioner Mark Bursch. The meeting opened at 6:40 pm.

It is with regret that we accept the resignation of Dave MacDonald from our Task Force. We wish Dave continued success in all his endeavors, and appreciate his willingness to help out when he can.

The minutes of the March 24, 2016, meeting were approved.

Members shared what they'd learned/ wanted to move forward on, in their areas of focus:

1. In the area of Public Outreach/Education:

- Phyllis agreed to begin posting information to the Town website; she'd appreciate the involvement of others when possible. The organization will be set up with a Homeowner's Tool Box, General Information, and Permit Information. Other folders will be set up as needed.
- Jack Rodriquenz brought materials that he will have copies of at Town Meeting.
- Phyllis will get a rain barrel and compost bin to Town Meeting, as well as informational flyers.
- Town Clean-up Day will be Saturday, May 14. The area of focus will be on the corner of Leominster/Shirley Road and Route 70. There is adequate parking in the Keating area. More details will be worked out at our April 28 meeting.
- Jack Rodriquenz has reached out to the Nashua River Watershed Association regarding education programs they may have available to share with Lunenburg's students.

2. Matt Allison agreed to take on the Pre- construction run off, that had been championed by Dave MacDonald.

3. Jack Rabbitt agreed to focus on Education, and will work with Jack Rodriquenz and Sarah on this.

4. Jack Rodriquenz shared pamphlets and other materials he will bring to Town Meeting for Educational handouts. Jack also made contact with the Nashua River Watershed Association regarding their educational program for elementary school students on the effects of stormwater, utilizing a model of a home. The SWTF could also prepare materials to share in the classrooms. Jack Rabbitt volunteered to contact the Lunenburg School System to see how we could work effectively in the schools. Matt Allison suggested that the SWTF have a presence at the Farmers' Market.

5. Jack Rabbitt reported that Unitil has agreed to install a storm sceptor at their new facility.

6. There was a discussion on the March 31 information meeting with Roger Brooks of Leominster DPW and Ed Himlan, of the Mass Watershed Coalition, who have worked together on Leominster's stormwater issues.

- Materials were passed out that illustrated the stormwater structures that the group observed during the tour.
- Phyllis offered to take anyone interested on a "tour" of some of these structures.
- Leominster's Stormwater Regulations were also passed out. It was shared that Leominster has a standing Stormwater Committee that created these regulations. It was thought we might want to use a similar model, a multidisciplinary approach, for our Stormwater Regulation updates.
- Leominster's current MS4 Permit annual report, dated May 2015 was also distributed.
- Adam Burney asked that we put the current proposal from the Mass Watershed Coalition on our agenda, so we can discuss working more formally with him. Phyllis agreed to put it on our next agenda.

7. It was requested that the SWTF review the proposal submitted by Mass Watershed Coalition at an upcoming meeting.

8. It was suggested that someone reach out to MRPC to see how they can help.
9. There was a discussion of our invitation to join the Central Mass Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) at an annual cost of \$4000. Jack Rabbitt made a motion that the SWTF join the CMRSWC, it was seconded by Jack Rodriquez; all voted in favor.
10. Phyllis volunteered to work on setting up the website, any help will be greatly appreciated. It was determined the website be organized with headings such as: General Information; Homeowner's Toolbox; General Information; Permit Information; Find your Stormwater Sub Basin.
11. Sarah offered to help set up more sophisticated systems on GIS. Jack Rodriquez and Adam Burney offered to look into the Town's current GIS capability.
12. Sarah discussed her work on the 319 Grant proposal, which proposal is due June 1.

The next meeting of the Stormwater Task Force will be on Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 pm, at the Ritter Building, first floor conference room.

Motion: J Rodriquez

To adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

2nd: Jack Rabbitt

Vote: All in Favor